

Minutes of the 4/8/2010 Meeting of the Steeple Run Homeowners Association Board

The SRHA Board met on 4/8/2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Therese Graff. The following board members were present:

Irene Cygan	Karen Malcolm
Therese Graff	Joe O'Malley
Bill Harfst	Jill Peterson
Steve Kadish	Mike Reitcheck
Herb LeBlanc	

Board President Therese Graff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

SIGNS

Algonquin Township Highway Department representatives Bob Miller and Derek Lee were present to discuss signs. Bob stated that Northwood Acres, a subdivision in Algonquin Township, paid for materials for signs similar to those in Cary for their subdivision. The Township built the signs as desired for Northwood Acres.

A new sign standard will be in effect in 2013 for regulatory signs and 2015 for street name signs. The township will be replacing all signs before those deadlines to meet the new requirements. These will be 4" square galvanized silver-colored steel posts with 9" tall, high intensity prismatic street signs. Those signs cost approximately \$200.

The signs desired by Steeple Run are different and would cost about \$700. SRHA would provide specifications and the township would order materials and bill SRHA. When asked if SRHA could only pay for the difference between the 2 types of signs, the township representatives said no, but would verify that.

If leaf burning warning signs are desired by SRHA, the township would make them on request.

OTHER TOWNSHIP ISSUES

Therese Graff noted that the right turn striping at the Crystal Lake Avenue entrance was wrong. The township had tried repainting, but it wore off. The existing paint lasts 5 years. It was requested that the township at least paint an arrow for the turn lane.

The township will patch the edges of the road where it is crumbling. It is not necessary for residents to report areas needing the edges patched. Glass on the road was reported. The street sweeper will be in SR within the next two weeks and should remove it.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 2/20/10 were approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Joe O'Malley passed out the financial report. There is about \$3400 available for landscaping and other improvements. He reported that the current landscape service,

J.R. Landscaping, will charge the same price as last year \$55 and offered tree trim/cut services for \$180 to be done twice in the season. Steve Kadish moved that these expenses be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

If the proposed new street signs were approved, not all could be installed in one year, due to budget constraints. An accurate count of all signs is needed. Bill Harfst will provide a drawing of the subdivision showing all existing signs (street and stop signs) and another showing the location of proposed signs. He will provide a PDF file to Board members for review.

COMMUNICATION

Jill Peterson provided a draft of the combined winter and spring newsletter to the Board for review. She will add the details of leaf burning limitations and a report of the visit from Bob Miller about signs. She will add a page to the website listing the steps to follow when submitting a request to the Architectural Review Committee.

PREFERRED CONTRACTOR

Herb LeBlanc reported that Arrow Septic service will be offered in the Spring and Fall and he will check with Paradise Auto.

SOCIAL

There was nothing further to report on the block party or garage sale per Karen Malcolm.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

The Nath's request for preliminary approval of their architectural changes was signed at the meeting and will be stamped, and a copy provided to the Nath's. The Association Secretary also keeps a copy.

The Malcolms want to install a spa received from the Make-A-Wish foundation. They will submit drawings showing the details with the retaining wall to be included to the Architectural Committee.

The Donahoes asked for approval to replace their driveway with concrete pavers. Their request was approved and signed at the Board meeting. They also want to construct a brick mailbox. Jill will notify them about township requirements and past experiences. The approval will be returned for the association records after completion.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

It was decided that \$200 to \$500, of the available \$3400, could be used for landscaping improvements at the subdivision entrances. Linda LeBlanc will obtain quotes from local nurseries for these.

NEW BUSINESS

Jill Peterson reported that a sign about the Crystal Lake Raiders was posted in violation of the covenants. Therese Graff will call the Pennys to request its removal.

Coyotes have been seen in the subdivision. Herb LeBlanc will contact the Sheriff's department to determine what can be done legally to discourage them.

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. to weed, edge and plant in the monument areas. Ron will be asked for use of his trailer. Jill will notify owners and ask for volunteers.

The next Board meeting will be held on July 8, 2010 at 7:30 at the home of Therese Graff.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Irene Cygan, Secretary.